

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) A method of filtering and storing information ~~about~~ describing characteristics of content stored on at least one network device and accessible via a network, said content being potentially useable by a plurality of network rendering devices adapted for rendering content, the method comprising the steps of:

a) periodically filtering information ~~about~~ describing characteristics of the stored content to yield filtered information devoid of information ~~about~~ describing characteristics of content that cannot be rendered by ~~at least one network rendering device~~ any of the plurality of network rendering devices;

b) storing, in a content directory, the filtered information devoid of information ~~about~~ describing characteristics of content that cannot be rendered by any of said ~~at least one~~ plurality of network rendering ~~device~~ devices; and

c) searching or browsing the content directory to review said filtered information devoid of information ~~about~~ describing characteristics of content that cannot be rendered by any of the ~~at least one~~ plurality of network rendering ~~device~~ devices;

wherein said searching or browsing of the content directory to review said filtered information devoid of information

~~about describing characteristics of~~ content that cannot be rendered by ~~any of the at least one~~plurality of network rendering ~~device~~devices, is performed independently of said periodic filtering of information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of ~~information describing characteristics of~~ content that cannot be rendered by ~~any of the at least one~~plurality of network rendering ~~device~~devices.

14. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein content that cannot be rendered by ~~at least one network rendering device~~any of the plurality of network rendering devices, comprises content having a format that is not compatible with ~~any of the at least one~~plurality of network rendering ~~device~~devices.

15. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein content that cannot be rendered by ~~at least one network rendering device~~any of the plurality of network rendering devices, comprises content having a transport protocol that is not compatible with ~~any of the at least one~~plurality of network rendering ~~device~~devices.

16. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein content that cannot be rendered by ~~at least one network rendering device~~any of the plurality of network rendering devices, comprises content having a DRM system that is not supported by ~~any of the at least one~~plurality of network rendering ~~device~~devices.

17. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said periodic filtering of information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of information ~~about~~ describing characteristics of content that cannot be rendered by ~~at least one network rendering device~~ any of the plurality of network rendering devices, is repeated over a predefined time interval.

18. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said periodic filtering of information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of information ~~about~~ describing characteristics of content that cannot be rendered by ~~at least one network rendering device~~ any of the plurality of network rendering devices, is performed when a network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices is removed from the network.

19. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said periodic filtering of information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of information ~~about~~ describing characteristics of content that cannot be rendered by ~~at least one network rendering device~~ any of the plurality of network rendering devices, is performed where a new network rendering device is added to the network.

20. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said periodic filtering of information about the content to

yield filtered information devoid of information ~~about describing~~
~~characteristics of content~~ that cannot be rendered by ~~at least one~~
~~network rendering device~~any of the plurality of network rendering
devices, is performed upon elapse of a predetermined time interval
following removal from the network of a network rendering device of
the plurality of network rendering devices.

21. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 13,
wherein the network is a UPnP network, and the information ~~about~~
describing characteristics of the content is stored by an UPnP
content directory service.

22. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 13,
wherein said method further the step of:

selecting content for transfer via the network to ~~the at~~
~~least one~~any of the network rendering ~~device~~devices, wherein said
selecting is based on the searching or browsing step, and wherein
said content selected for transfer is renderable by ~~the at least~~
~~one~~any of the network rendering ~~device~~devices.

23. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 13,
wherein said method further comprises the step of:

periodically filtering information ~~about describing~~
characteristics of the content to yield filtered information
including information ~~about describing characteristics of content~~
that cannot be rendered by ~~at least one network rendering device~~any

of the plurality of network rendering devices, and making available on the network said filtered information including information ~~about describing characteristics of~~ content that cannot be rendered by ~~at least one~~any of the plurality of network rendering ~~device~~devices.

24. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 23, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

initiating an action based on said filtered information including information ~~about describing characteristics of~~ content that cannot be rendered by ~~at least one~~any of the plurality of network rendering ~~device~~devices, wherein the action comprises any of the following:

- a) upgrading the network;
- b) downloading and/or installing a codec;
- c) adapting a security parameter;
- d) recommending the purchase or upgrade of at least one network rendering device; and
- e) providing a human-perceptible explanation of why content is unusable by the at least one network rendering device.

25. (Currently Amended) A device adapted for filtering and storing information ~~about describing characteristics of~~ content accessible via a network, said content being potentially useable by a plurality of network rendering ~~device~~devices adapted for rendering content, the device comprising:

a) at least one filtering element adapted to periodically filter information ~~about describing characteristics of the content~~ to yield filtered information devoid of information ~~about describing characteristics of content~~ that cannot be rendered by ~~at least one network rendering device~~ any of the plurality of network rendering devices; and

b) a storage element containing a content directory including the filtered information devoid of information ~~about describing characteristics of content~~ that cannot be rendered by ~~said at least one~~ any of the plurality of network rendering device ~~devices~~;

wherein the content directory is searchable or browseable to enable review of said filtered information devoid of information ~~about describing characteristics of content~~ that cannot be rendered by ~~the at least one~~ any of the plurality of network rendering device ~~devices~~, and searching or browsing of the content directory to review said filtered information devoid of information ~~about describing characteristics of content~~ that cannot be rendered by ~~the at least one~~ any of the plurality of network rendering device ~~devices~~ is performed independently of said periodic filtering by the at least one filtering element to yield filtered information devoid of information ~~about describing characteristics of content~~ that cannot be rendered by ~~the at least one~~ any of the plurality of network rendering device ~~devices~~.

26. (Previously Presented) A media server embodying the device of claim 25.

27. (Previously Presented) A network comprising the device of claim 25 and at least one network rendering device.